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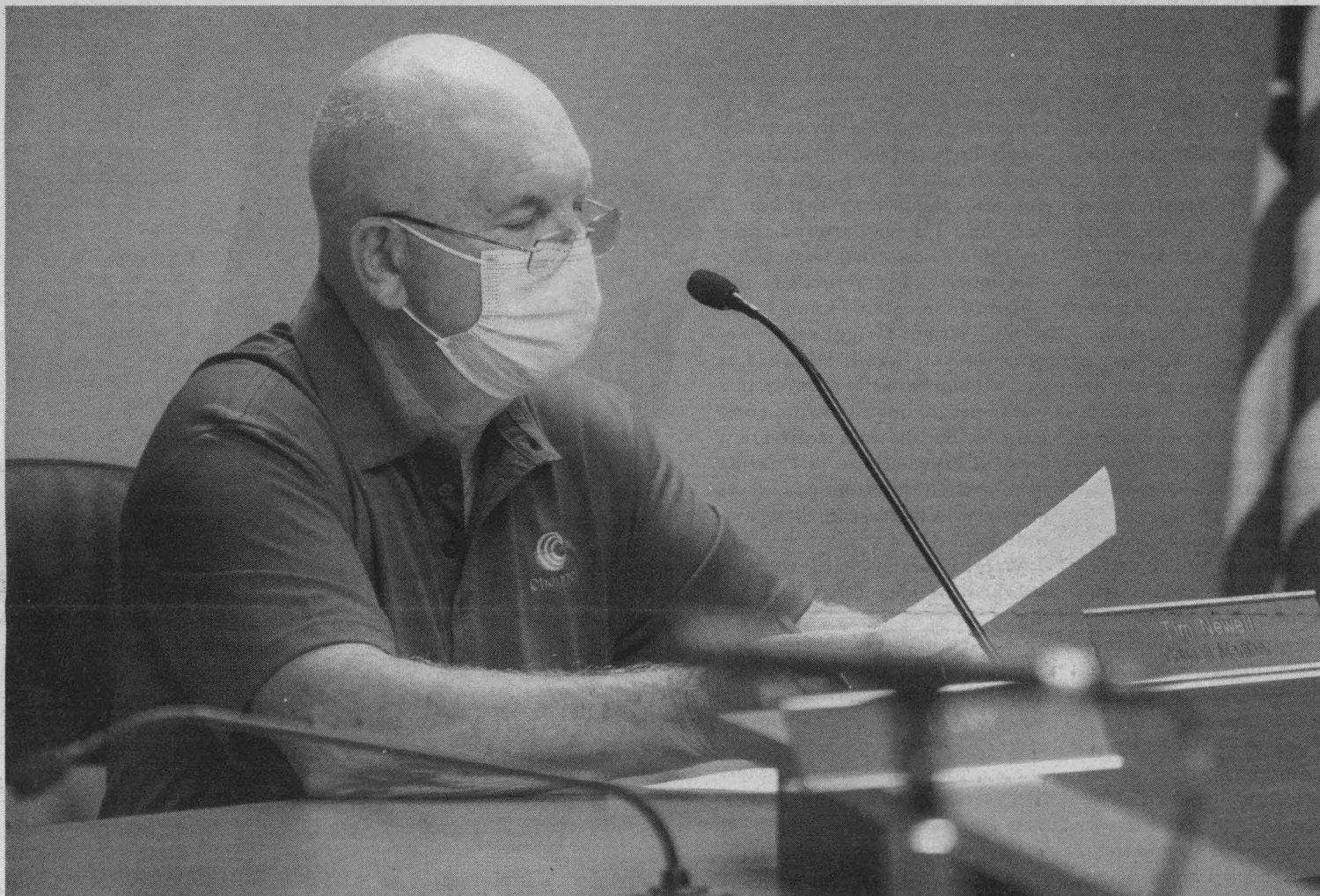
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City Council approves \$8M loan plan



Charleston City Council Member Tim Newell reads to the rest of the council.

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By Luke Taylor

News Editor | @DEN_news

Charleston's City Council authorized a plan to borrow \$8.5 million from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program to improve the city's sewage systems.

During the meeting Tuesday, Mayor Brandon Combs reminded the council members and other attendees of the process that went into the decision to borrow the loan.

"This is something that we've been talking about for quite a while about our wastewater treatment plant nutrient removal project," Combs said.

According to the ordinance document on the city council's meeting agenda, "the Mayor and City Council of the City of Charleston (the Corporate Authorities) have determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare to improve the System.

According to Combs, a bid opening was held on Sept. 8, 2021, and there were four bidders. Williams Brother Construction was the low bidder at \$7,435,000.

"This is an extremely large project," Combs said. "That's why this has been on our radar for a long time."

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency required an additional 3% contingency. Along with design engineering and construction engineering, the total cost of this project will be \$8.5 million.

The council approved an ordinance which authorizes the city to proceed with the process to obtain a 20-year loan at 1.01 percent interest.

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Latinx professors share experiences

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While there are many activities during Latino Heritage Month aimed for students, there are also professors at Eastern who are in the Latinx community and celebrate the month.

Many people find their experiences and thoughts vital in gaining insight into what the Eastern community can do to better their involvement and learning experiences in the Latinx community.

When it comes to events for LHM, Chemistry Professor David Naistat said that he "would like to see a lot of involvement from students" and that "the community could be doing some outreach."

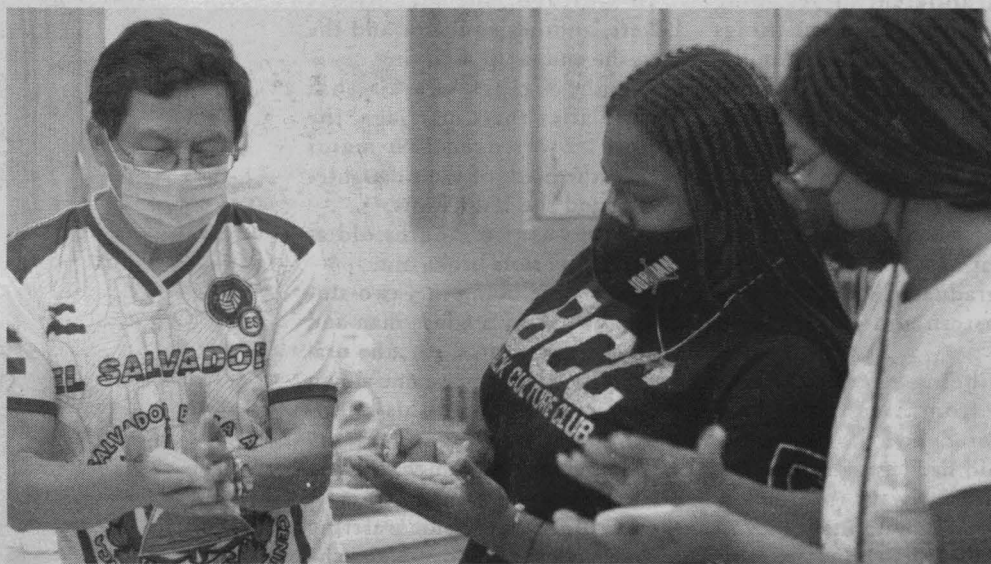
One of the ways that students can get involved, according to Naistat is "reaching out... talking to other professors, maybe doing some research."

Another way that students can get involved is by going to the other events occurring throughout the rest of the month.

Outside of the events, there are also Spanish classes, some of which count towards a student's general education requirements.

During his classes, Professor Carlos Amaya wants to teach his students "not only to learn how to speak Spanish and understand the culture but also to be responsible citizens who can leave EIU and represent us in any cultural setting."

The third floor of the Booth Library also has an exhibit on Latin American Heritage Month, which includes the flags of Latin American countries as well as "important people in Hispanic culture" ac-



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Carlos Amaya guides Tyeisha Mosley, a junior spanish major, and Selina Carter-Blue, a junior spanish major, on how to make pupusas.

cording to Spanish Professor Olivia Lemus.

"The Eastern community needs to know a little more of the Latino culture to reach a better understanding of the history and the contributions to the culture," Lemus said.

Amaya said that the month's events would help students experience other cultures.

"Students need to experience how other people express themselves through culture," Amaya said. "By attending events sponsored by the Latino Heritage Celebration, students can learn a lot about

food, festivals, games, and in general how Latino students feel in a rural community like Charleston."

Martinez said that students should look outside Charleston for more diversity.

"There's more, you know, diversity and cultural enrichment beyond the city limits of Charleston," Martinez said.

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Student Senate set to meet, talk new year

Student government will be meeting Wednesday to discuss different issues of business and executive reports.

The board will call the meeting to order and take attendance as usual, followed by the approval of the agenda.

The meeting will have Tanya Willard, who has a doctorate in philosophy, present for the meeting as audience participation.

After committee reports and announcements are given, the meeting will reach a close.

The student senate's previous gathering took place at 7:06 p.m. on Sept. 15.

Introductions were made by the senators and Executive Board members. After the introductions, advisor report and graduate advisor welcomed the new and returning senators.

The Executive Vice President, Payton Ade, explained the Student Government's mission statement along with its branches and introduced the Student Life Office staff. They also explained the requirements to be in the student senate and other expectations.

They also had the executive reports from the different members of the senate.

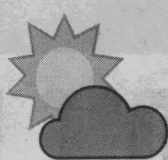
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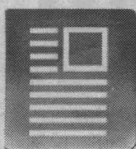


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Life for Eastern's first Black grad

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Editor's note: This is the second part of a series detailing the life and legacy of the Powell family of Mattoon, Illinois, as well as the life of their descendants. Zella Powell, a daughter of the prominent family, was the first Black student to attend and graduate from Eastern when it was the Eastern Illinois State Normal School. The second part of this series will focus on Zella Powell's life, from her childhood in Mattoon to graduating Eastern and beyond.

Zella Powell started life off as a fighter. As the only child born to John Powell and Victoria Barr Powell to survive to adulthood, she had no other choice.

According to Zella's granddaughter, Stephanie Wright Griggs, everyone has their own story and her family's story was that of a typical middle-class lifestyle.

"Yeah, it was a different, it was another slice of Black life. I feel that all the Black experience is equally valid but everybody was not a slave and everybody was not wealthy, but you had some extremely wealthy people," Wright Griggs said. "Those were not my ancestors, but they were definitely middle-class part of the community, a respected part of the community that supported their small society."

Zella's father was the first native-born resident of Mattoon, Illinois and the son of a pioneer family of the still-new city. The work of her father and grandfather in their community led to Zella being born into her prominent, middle-class Black family.

Wright Griggs said she believes her grandmother growing up being the only surviving child in her family caused her to take a deeper interest in the world around her.

Zella's interest led her to scrapbook important moments in her life and the lives around her, later giving her granddaughter inspiration for Picture Perfect: Zella's Traveling Scrapbook, a traveling scrapbook on her grandmother's life.

"She had all kinds of stories about different things going on in the world, different things happening with African Americans. And then a lot of the family events, all of us one book. And it's an interesting chronology of what was going on at the time in the United States."

Some of what was detailed was her time at Eastern.

Zella graduated studied teaching at Eastern and graduated in 1910.

While being the first Black graduate from Eastern is a major part of Zella's story, Wright Griggs said her legacy can be described in many ways.

"Well, you can define legacy in many ways, and I think the most basic one was really have the approach of helping other people. Be proud of who you are. Don't let people stop you from what you want to achieve. And she inherited that from her parents, and her grandparents. Don't be afraid to be the first, which was huge, heading off to Eastern Illinois. But then like I said, she was willing and ready to head off... And so she was determined to get an education and have a career, which was kind of different for women those days, too when you think about

it. She was ahead of her time as a Black woman during that period of time and she kept she kept going with it. She wanted to make a difference."

Wright Griggs said her grandmother never talked much about her time at Eastern, but Wright Griggs wishes she would have. She added she does not know if attending Eastern was a positive or negative experience.

"You know, I wish I'd asked her. I was too young to know that at the time. You know, we all have desires to go back in time and talk about it. I mean, she was ill and I was 13. When we were younger she talked about it, but she talked about it in passing because, I mean, Black people did not discuss those stories, the struggle, because they weren't really sure how they'd be perceived by the framework. And a lot of times, they did not want to share that burden. And I'll turn around and say I don't know that was a burden for my grandmother's to the extent of some, but I know it had to be," Wright Griggs said. "Because on one hand, I looked at the fact she basically grew up in a pretty predominantly white community. So she had a different sense of expectations, just having lived in that environment versus people who weren't in that environment."

Wright Griggs said she has weighed the idea in her head before.

"So I go back and forth on that one in terms of what it must have been like for grandma. I know it was hard, because the perception of her being there, and the only one was probably difficult because let's face it, a lot of white Americans didn't think Black Americans were supposed to be in college, right. And you probably had some of those there that time," Wright Griggs said. "But on the flip side, she knew the community. And she had a sense of what she was going into."

After college, Zella returned home to teach before moving to Chicago to teach.

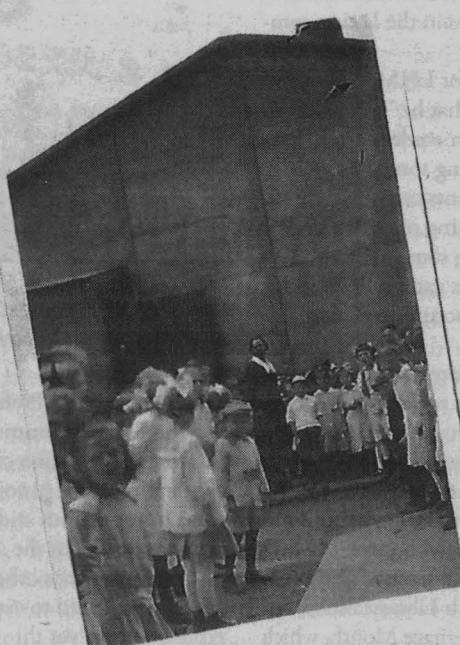
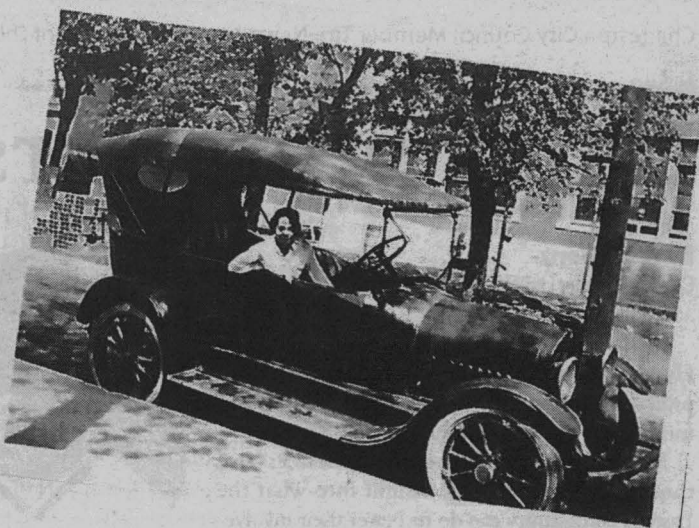
In Chicago, she met Albert Lovett, another educator and the man she ended up marrying.

Wright Griggs shared that shortly after their marriage, the couple experienced two major events: the birth of their daughter Louise and the 1919 Riots.

Louise was two months old at the time the riots broke out.

"They were living in a two-story flat owned by a white man and after the riots broke out, the oral history is, that riots came down the street and towards his building. I don't know if they knew my grandparents and mom were there or suspected it, and the owner of the building was outside watering his lawn. And the story is that he watered them, he just kept watering them and saying there aren't any Black people...here go on down the street, and they didn't pursue it," Wright Griggs said. "My grandfather was in the window with a rifle."

During their life in Chicago, Zella and Albert carried on their tradition of education, which flowed through them and onto their daughter.



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The names students deserve

Johnetta Jones

As we continue on recommending names for the potential Douglas Hall rename, we offer up Johnetta Jones, former Director of Minority Affairs.

Jones served Eastern well in her position, being described after her death in 2002 as a surrogate mom to students.

In her position, she was able to lift up minority students and help them achieve their goals and aspirations. She gave them a place on campus.

Ceci Brinker, then and now Director of Student Life, spoke at the time of Jones' death.

"It just seems like everyone on campus knew her, respected her and had a really good rapport with her and I think it speaks volumes on the type of person she was and the level of respect and admiration that people had for her just within the Eastern community," Brinker said.

She added, "She was a definite people person. Johnetta could relate to just about anyone regardless of their background," Brinker said. "Whether it be personal or work-related, people consulted and confided in her for support and for help."

A person who is a friend to students, staff and faculty at a university is someone to be admired and someone who should be honored.

Right now, Jones is honored with a scholarship and has been honored with a step show in the past, but maybe it's time to make her a permanent part of Eastern.

She cared for her students and gave them the support so many students desperately need in college, let a building named in her honor give students continued support for years to come.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* believe she would be another fantastic candidate for the name.

Quote of the Day:

"Ms. Jones made it a point to listen to anyone who wanted to talk. She knew at least one person in every academic department, and she helped students make up for any disadvantages they might have coming into Eastern.."

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Perhaps monogamy is selfish

Suppose you go to a party. You walk inside to greet your friends who are shouting over the pulsating dance music: "Hey, I'm happy you made it here. You should meet Jamie." And so you and Jamie begin to talk.

You've never met anyone as interesting as them. You both like to dance, box, and garden. Looking to make new friends, you two plan to hangout again. And as the weeks pass by, you get together many more times. Finally, you make it official.

"So, are we best friends then?" asks Jamie. "Yeah, I guess we are. And I'm happy you asked too. I was wondering the same thing given all the time we've spent together."

"However," Jamie replies, "I want to set some boundaries. You can still talk to your co-workers and neighbors, but I don't want you to be friends with them. I mean, that's what I'm for right? I don't want you to accidentally find a better friend than me and leave me."

You're a bit taken aback, but you let them continue.

"Let me give my reasons first before



Ian Palacios

you make a decision. First of all, I would personally feel jealous of you, and I'd feel like I'm not fulfilling my needs as a friend. I mean, if I was a good friend, you wouldn't need any others, right? Second, I just think it's gross and dangerous. What if you get sick from one of them not washing their hands or—well just the thought is bothering me. I want to be safe. Third, I'm worried that if you hang out with other friends, our hang out sessions won't be as good anymore. We'll lose our flare. Last, being a best friend is just valuable to me, and I don't want to share it with someone

else. In essence, I want our friendship to be monogamous. Just you. Just me."

Is Jamie being unreasonable? Can Jamie legitimately ask you to drop all of your friends because Jamie might be insecure, scared of getting sick, worried your friendship will fade, or because they cherish exclusivity? No. Jamie is clearly acting selfishly. You can have as many friends as you want. Yes, if both parties consent that would be fine, but to expect that is something different. Will you accept Jamie's requests?

So, why expect the same with romantic or sexual relationships. Is monogamy selfish?

In the same sense that we see Jamie's requests for a monogamous friendship as selfish, we might be committed to having the same view towards romantic and sexual relationships too. Maybe monogamy is selfish.

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OVC football teams ready for conference

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With Week 3 of nonconference play coming to an end for the OVC, the first conference games of the season will be played this week as the teams prepare for Week 4.

Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee State, and Austin Peay all recorded wins in Week 3 as three teams are still searching for their first win of the season.

The first conference game of the season will be Eastern taking on Tennessee Tech at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Both Tennessee Tech and Eastern are coming off losses in Week 3.

Eastern, who currently ranks last in the conference, lost 31-24 in the 109th Mid-America Classic to Illinois State. Panther quarterback Otto Kuhns was 16-of-32 passing for 204 yards and 1 touchdown. The Panthers recorded a total of 168 passing yards in comparison to the Redbirds' 54 yards.

The Panthers rank first in the OVC and sixth nationally in pass defense, averaging 115 yards per game.

Tennessee Tech is first in the OVC and 18th nationally in kick return defense, averaging 15 yards/returns per game.

The Golden Eagles suffered their second-straight shutout, losing 56-0 to the Tennessee Volunteers. The Vols put up 417 yards of offense, including 202 yards on the ground and 215 yards through the air against the Golden Eagles.

Defensively, the Golden Eagles are led by defensive back Josh Reliford. Reliford had a team-high of 11 tackles against the Vols. Reliford ranks first in the OVC and 34th nationally in tackles, averaging 9 a game.

The next conference matchup will be between Tennessee State and Southeast Missouri.

Tennessee State recorded their first win of the season with a 41-7



Eastern defensive end Jordan Miles tackles Illinois State quarterback Bryce Jefferson in a game against the Redbirds on Sept. 18 at O'Brien Field. Miles had 5 total tackles in the game, an 31-24 loss for the Panthers.

win over Kentucky State last Saturday. It was the Tigers' 26th consecutive victory in the series which was last played in 1984. The Tigers had a season-high of 538 yards and held the Thorobreds to just 141 total yards.

Offensively, the Tigers are led by quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom who was 15-of-25 against the Thorobreds, passing for 264 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The Tigers currently lead the OVC in total defense, averaging 243 yards a per game.

Southeast Missouri was trailing Missouri 38-0 at halftime on Sat-

urday, outscored Missouri 28-21 in the second half, but ultimately lost 59-28 against the Tigers. The Tigers finished with 458 yards and held the Redhawks to 69 yards in the first half.

Redhawk quarterback CJ Ogbonna was 7-of-14 passing for 53 yards and 1 interception.

Austin Peay, who is currently leading the OVC, recorded its second win of the season with a 59-35 win over Morehead State during their home opener. It was the fourth straight win for Austin Peay against FCS opponents. It was also the most points the team had

scored since 2018.

The No. 19 Governors finished the game with 580 yards of total offense. The team also had 381 passing yards during the game, which is the fourth-most in APSU single-game history.

Governor Quarterback Draylen Ellis passed for a career-high of 350 yards and three touchdowns. Ellis currently ranks seventh nationally in passing touchdowns with 8 and ninth in total passing yards with 898.

Tennessee-Martin defeated its second-straight FCS opponent with a 35-10 win over Northwest-

ern State. It marked the team's first back-to-back non-conference victories since 2008. The Skyhawks are currently ranked second in the OVC.

Skyhawk senior running back Peyton Logan was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for the second-straight week following the win over the Demons. He ran for a career high of 179 yards on 14 carries and ranks fourth nationally in rushing yards with 10 per game.

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Men's soccer team plays Green Bay to 1-1 tie



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The Eastern men's soccer team huddles before taking the field for the second half against Green Bay Tuesday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers and Phoenix played to a 1-1 tie.

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The Eastern men's soccer team played Green Bay on a rainy Lakeside Field Tuesday afternoon.

The match ended in a 1-1 tie, giving the Panthers a record of 0-5-1 heading into conference play this weekend.

Green Bay is now 1-4-2 on the season.

The Phoenix jumped ahead early when, in the 2nd minute, junior forward Ethan Hoard got a shot behind Eastern goalkeeper Jonathan Burke.

The match would remain scoreless for over an hour of gameplay until the Panthers tied it up midway through the second half.

In the 66th minute, sophomore defender Brennan Rzewuski netted his first career goal on an assist from redshirt senior forward Davi Girardi.

The match went scoreless for the remainder of regulation and both overtime periods. Green Bay recorded a shot in the first overtime period, but neither team got off another.

Eastern had a scoring chance with just about 30 seconds remaining in the second overtime when the ball crossed in front of the net and right by freshman forward Prince Okonny. He was unable to get a shot off, however, and the period soon came to an end.

Eastern outshot Green Bay in the match, recording 8 shots to the Phoenix's 6. Each team had 4 shots on goal.

Redshirt senior Jonas Castelano and junior forward Lenni Kirschner each recorded 2 shots for Eastern while Hoard got off 3 shots for Green Bay, all of which were on goal.

Both goalkeepers, Burke for Eastern and Tobias Jahn for Green Bay, recorded 3 saves.

Eastern will be back in action Sept. 25 at Lakeside Field for the conference opener against St. Thomas.

It will be Eastern's first matchup with the Tommies, who made the jump from Division III to Division I last year.

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